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H. R. 980

To establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of
Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAMP (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. GORDON, Mr. TANNER, and Mr. FORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park
System.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MOCCASIN BEND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE,**
4 **TENNESSEE.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “historic site”
7 means the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site es-
8 tablished by subsection (b).

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF HISTORIC SITE.—In order
4 to preserve for the benefit and education of the people of
5 the United States certain archaeological and historic re-
6 sources located on a portion of the peninsula bounded by
7 the Tennessee River and known as Moccasin Bend near
8 Chattanooga, Tennessee, there is established the Moccasin
9 Bend National Historic Site as a unit of the National
10 Park System. No other unit of the National Park System
11 possesses the extensive range of historic themes and cul-
12 tural resources available for interpretation at the historic
13 site, and the establishment of the historic site enhances
14 the collective significance and interpretive potential of
15 these resources.

16 (c) BOUNDARIES.—

17 (1) MAIN AREA.—The historic site shall consist
18 of approximately 911.5 acres, as depicted on the
19 map entitled “Boundary Map, _____”, num-
20 bered _____, and dated _____.

21 (2) TRAIL OF TEARS AND CIVIL WAR COR-
22 RIDOR.—The historic site shall also consist of the
23 97-acre parcel of land known as the Rock-Tenn
24 property, containing the Federal Road (designated
25 in 1807) between Ross Landing and Browns Ferry

1 that served as a portion of the overland route trav-
2 eled by the Cherokee during their removal from an-
3 cestral lands to Oklahoma during 1838 and 1839
4 and was used by the Union Army to break the Con-
5 federate siege of Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1863.

6 (3) SERODINO AND KLIMSCH PROPERTY.—The
7 lands encompassed by the boundaries of the historic
8 site described in paragraph (1) include the 14.5-acre
9 parcel known as the Serodino and Klimsch property.

10 (4) FILING AND AVAILABILITY OF MAPS.—The
11 map referred to in paragraph (1) shall be on file and
12 available for public inspection in appropriate offices
13 of the National Park Service. The Secretary may
14 make minor revisions in the boundaries of the his-
15 toric site in accordance with section 7(c) of the Land
16 and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16
17 U.S.C. 460l–4(c)).

18 (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

19 (1) ACCEPTANCE OF LANDS.—The Secretary
20 may accept, on behalf of the United States, lands
21 within the boundaries of the historic site that are
22 donated by the State of Tennessee, the county of
23 Hamilton, Tennessee, the city of Chattanooga, Ten-
24 nessee, or any individual, corporation, organization,
25 or other entity.

1 (2) DELAYED ACCEPTANCE OF INCOMPATIBLE
2 USE.—In the case of the parcel of land within the
3 boundaries of the historic site containing the Moc-
4 casin Bend Mental Health Institute, the Secretary
5 may accept donation of the parcel for inclusion in
6 the historic site only after the facility is no longer
7 used to provide health care services.

8 (3) PURCHASE AUTHORITY.—Private lands
9 within the boundaries of the historic site may be ac-
10 quired by the Secretary only by purchase from will-
11 ing sellers with appropriated or donated funds, by
12 donation, or by exchange.

13 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
14 ister the historic site in accordance with this section and
15 the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park
16 System, including the Act of August 25, 1916 (commonly
17 known as the National Park Service Organic Act; 16
18 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the Act of August 21, 1935 (com-
19 monly known as the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiqui-
20 ties Act; 16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

21 (f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

22 (1) AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may consult
23 with and enter into cooperative agreements with in-
24 terested entities and individuals to provide for the

1 preservation, development, interpretation, and use of
2 the historic site.

3 (2) CONDITIONS.—Any payment made by the
4 Secretary pursuant to such a cooperative agreement
5 shall be subject to an agreement that conversion,
6 use, or disposal of the project assisted under the co-
7 operative agreement for purposes contrary to the
8 purposes of the historic site, as determined by the
9 Secretary, shall result in a right of the United
10 States to reimbursement of all funds made available
11 to such project or the proportion of the increased
12 value of the project attributable to such finds as de-
13 termined at the time of such conversion, use, or dis-
14 posal, whichever is greater.

15 (g) MOCCASIN BEND GOLF COURSE.—The Moccasin
16 Bend Golf Course of the city of Chattanooga is not within
17 the boundaries of the historic site described in paragraph
18 (1) or (2) of subsection (c). The golf course is managed
19 under a lease that is set to expire in 2005, but that may
20 be renewed or extended. Until such time as the lands cov-
21 ered by the golf course are no longer used as either a pub-
22 lic or municipal golf course, the Secretary may not request
23 an adjustment in the boundaries of the historic site to in-
24 clude the lands and permit possible future acquisition of
25 the lands.

1 (h) VISITOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER.—The Sec-
2 retary may use a portion of the visitor center established
3 for the historic site as an additional interpretive center
4 for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and to inter-
5 pret the forcible removal of southeastern Indian tribes to
6 Oklahoma. To assist in the establishment and operation
7 of the visitor center, the Secretary may accept and use
8 gifts, bequests, or devises of services, funds, and real and
9 personal property.

10 (i) REPEAL OF PREVIOUS ACQUISITION AUTHOR-
11 ITY.—The Act of August 3, 1950 (Chapter 532; 16 U.S.C.
12 424a–4), is repealed.

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